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The collections are in a good state of preservation, but additional cases are needed and more space for the department is desirable.

At the annual meeting, held December 26, the following were elected to serve as officers for the year 1902:

<i>Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Philip Laurent.
<i>Vice-Director,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	H. W. Wenzel.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	E. T. Cresson.
<i>Recorder and Conservator,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	Henry Skinner.
<i>Secretary,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	C. W. Johnson.
<i>Publication Committee,</i>	.	.	.	.	.	J. H. Ridings,
						C. W. Johnson.

HENRY SKINNER,

Conservator.

REPORT OF THE BOTANICAL SECTION.

The Botanical Section reports that the herbarium is in a generally satisfactory condition. Much progress has been made in the work of arrangement during the year.

About 5,500 specimens have been added to the collections, largely through purchase, the most important being a portion of the collections of Mr. A. A. Heller, from Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California, numbering twenty-five hundred specimens and containing about 250 types, cotypes and authentic specimens, with many from original type localities. These will add very materially to the North American series of plants.

Other purchases have been 129 specimens of Porto Rican plants from A. A. Heller, 190 specimens of Mexican plants from C. G. Pringle, 776 specimens of Canary Island plants from Dr. Theodore Bornmuller, and 250 specimens of West Australian plants from Dr. Pritzel.

Donations numbering about 2,000 specimens have been received from Col. C. A. H. McCauley, William M. Canby, Benjamin H. Smith, Uselma C. Smith, C. F. Saunders, Witmer Stone, E. G. Vanatta and Stewardson Brown.

The mounting of the general herbarium was completed in Septem-

ber, largely through the untiring efforts of the late Mr. Meehan, it having been his expressed desire to see this work accomplished during his life, and strangely enough it was practically the last work he was able to do in the herbarium.

In the early part of the present year the Curators had constructed eleven additional cases in the north room, which has enabled the Conservator to rearrange all the specimens of the Anthophyta in the two rooms on the library floor, the Pteridophyta being arranged for the present in the south room on the gallery floor.

All of the cases have been marked on the outside with printed labels, in brass holders with transparent fronts, greatly facilitating the reference to specimens.

The mounting of the Charles E. Smith Herbarium was completed during the year, the local material being arranged in one of the cases in the south room on the gallery floor; the balance of the specimens will be incorporated with the general collections during the coming year.

During the year much work has been accomplished on the C. W. Short Herbarium, about ten thousand sheets having been mounted, all of which will be incorporated with the general collections as rapidly as possible. It is the desire of the Conservator to push this work during the coming year, so that the many valuable specimens contained in this collection may be made available for study at as early a date as possible.

At the meeting of the Botanical Section, held on Monday, December 9, 1901, the following were elected as the officers to serve for the coming year:

<i>Director</i> ,	Benjamin H. Smith.
<i>Vice-Director</i> ,	Joseph Crawford.
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i> ,	John T. Pennypacker.
<i>Recorder</i> ,	John W. Harshberger.
<i>Treasurer and Conservator</i> ,	Stewardson Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

STEWARDSON BROWN,

Conservator.